

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of November 1, 2013

*****FINAL*****

PRESENT

Timothy Jones, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS
Kenneth Briggs, Sr., committee member
Jennifer Branham, committee member
Steven Grimes, committee member
Tony Foy, committee member
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Roseann Smith, Finney, Zimmerman Psychotherapy Assoc.
Maria Suarez, Family Systems/New Life
Khalilah Shabazz, Family Systems II, Inc.
James Jack, Pendleton Child Services Center
Shawnta Wright, Sarah's Place
Charlene Hoobler, The Barry Robinson Center
Denise Henock, The Barry Robinson Center
James Lassiter, Family Net
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services
Linda Bright, Healthcare Svs Hampton Rds
Peggy Lidstrom, Dominion Psychiatric, PLLC- Turning Point
Karol Cason, Cason Community Behavioral

ABSENT

Vonda Alston, One Vision & Assoc
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.
Sherry Ferebee, Va Support Group, LLC
Serenity Living, Corie Brown

Ms. Kenneth Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. A quorum was present. Mr. Timothy Jones attended the LHRC meeting on this date. Fourteen reports were sent in ahead of time for this meeting. Mr. Jones reminded everyone that reports are to be sent in prior to the meeting date to Denise Henock at dhenock@barryrobinson.org. Ms. Henock will collect and email reports to Mr. Jones and committee members. Reports may also be sent to Mr. Jones at timothy.jones@dbhds.virginia.gov or faxed to (757)253-5440.

2014 Meeting Dates

The next meeting, which will review the 4th quarter and annual report for 2013, will be held on Friday, January 31, 2014. Reminder letters will be sent out prior.

Minutes

Minutes from the April 26, 2013 meeting and July 26, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Foy made a motion to accept the minutes as written with Mr. Grimes seconding that motion. The minutes were approved.

Advocate's Report

- 1) All programs should be using the new CHRIS system. Mr. Jones emphasized to the group that all abuse and neglect allegations need to be reported within 24hrs to the OHR. The inability to utilize the system is not an excuse not to report or report incidents outside of the 24 hours. The report should be completed in CHRIS within 24hours. If not, providers will be cited. If there are complications with CHRIS please contact Margaret

Walsh 804-786-3988 for incidents involving abuse only or Chanda Bragg for problems reporting deaths/serious injuries at 804-786-3475.

Mr. Jones reemphasized to the committee, that it was crucial that he start receiving applications for the consumer board member position. He went into detail the definition of a consumer board member for the providers. If an affiliate has a candidate they would like to be considered for the position, applications can be found on the DBHDS website or you may notify Mr. Jones so he can provide an application. A special committee meeting can be convened to review the potential candidate(s).

Mr. Jones stated that during recent site visits the following discrepancies were found:

- Discharge plans missing from charts. Make sure all clients have a discharge plan along with an individual service plan within their chart.
- Facilities do not have the proper policy in place for the use of protective restraints.

Old Business

None reported

New Business

1. Healthcare Services of Hampton Roads – Ms. Linda Bright's request to add a service will be held and put on the agenda for the January 31st meeting.
2. Ms. Linda Bright's application for Cassandra Darden was removed from the agenda.
3. The Barry Robinson Center – Charlene Hoobler – Request a Variance – There was discussion regarding using a parent created approved visitor list and having clients opening mail in front of staff. Mr. Jones reported that this variance must be presented before the State Human Rights Committee. Ms. Branham asked for a motion to recommend that variance requests be recommended to the SHRC, with the recommendation that The Barry Robinson Center modify its visitation and telephone policy to state that the clients will be present at the time when the phone and visitation list is created. This was seconded and approved.

Program Reports

1. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeffrey Burns reviewed the quarterly report which indicated 135 clients served in 6 groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues. Mr. Jones reminded that the four questions needed to be answered as well and submitted with the quarterly report.
2. Finney, Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates – Roseann Smith reported that Finney Zimmerman Psychiatric Associates served 23 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reported that Paramount Youth Services served 11.2 clients. There was one abuse allegation to be discussed during closed session. No other complaints.
4. New Life and Family Systems – Maria Suarez reviewed her quarterly report. New Life: There were 12 clients served, 1 Group Home/11 In Home. There was one allegation to be reviewed during closed session. Family Systems: Clients served were 41 MHS/18 In Home/29 Day Treatment. There was one complaint to be reviewed during closed session.

5. Vito Inc. – Mr. Morlino was not available to review his report. Information from the report states 70 in-home and day support clients. There was one complaint of neglect. No other human rights issues.
6. Family Net – James Lassiter reviewed the quarterly report which indicated that 8 clients were served in the intensive in-home program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
7. Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point- Ms. Peggy Lidstrom was not available to review her report. The written report states that Dominion Psychiatric served 8 clients in their Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program and aftercare program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
8. Sarah's Place- Shawnta Wright reviewed her quarterly report. There were four clients served. There was one incident to review in closed session. No other human rights issues.
9. One Vision and Associates- Vonda Alston was unavailable to review the OneVision report. The report states there were 5 clients served. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. Health Care Services of Hampton Roads, Inc.- Linda Bright reported that they were providing mental health support to 41 consumers. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
11. The Barry Robinson Center – Charlene Hoobler reported that the average monthly census was 54 in the Residential Treatment Program with 0 clients served in the Outpatient Program. There were 6 allegations of physical abuse to be discussed during closed session.
12. Pendleton Child Services Center – James Jack was late to the meeting and unable to review his quarterly report. The report indicated 22 clients were served in their residential and day-treatment programs. There was one abuse allegation to be discussed during closed session. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
13. Virginia Support Group – Sherry Ferebee was not available to review the report. The written report indicated 5 clients served. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
14. Serenity Living, LLC – Corie Brown was unavailable to review the report. The written report indicated currently having no clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
15. Cason Community & Behavioral Services – Karol Cason reported currently having no clients. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.

Executive Session

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)4 for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of reviewing abuse/neglect allegations for Paramount Youth Group, New Life/Family Systems II, The Barry Robinson Center, Sarah's Place and

Pendleton Child Service Center.

Exit Executive Session

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated that the following recommendations be made.

Recommendations:

Paramount Youth Services: No recommendations

New Life/Mary's House: No recommendations

Family Systems II, Inc: No recommendations

Sarah's Place: A recommendation was made to create a safety plan and to update at the next LHRC Meeting in January.

The Barry Robinson Center: A recommendation was made to assure proper training focusing on restraints on younger clientele.

Pendleton Child Service Center: No recommendations

There was no public comment.

Freedom of information act training.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.